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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN SFCP VISIT - HIGGINS AND MILLS

NEW DELHI PASS WAYNE MILLS

1. DR. ROBERT P. HIGGINS, SMITHSONIAN DIRECTOR OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND LIMNOLOGY, HAS RECEIVED INVITATION FROM DR. K. AZIZ, DUKE UNIVERSITY TRAINED OCEANOGRAPHER EMPLOYED BY CHOLERA RESEARCH LABORATORY, TO VISIT DACCA IN DECEMBER CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF BANGLADESH OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND TRAINNG PROGRAM BASED ON COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES. HIGGINS WILL BE IN PAKISTAN FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER AND, IF EMBASSY CONCURS, ABLE VISIT DACCA DECEMBER 8 TO 12. AZIZ HAS PROPOSED HIGGINS ALSO MEET WITH DR. KABIR, SEC. OF MIN, OF EDUCATION; HUQ, JOINT SEC., MIN. OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND DRS. ISLAM AND HOSSAIN OF BOTANY AND ZOOLOGY DEPTS. AT UNIVERSITY OF DACCA.

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2. WAYNE MILLS, SMI REP IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA,
RESIDENT IN NEW DELHI, WOULD PROBABLY ACCOMPANY TO DACCA.

3. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, HIGGINS ETD KARACHI
DECEMBER 6 BY PA2, ETA NEW DELHI 0520; ETD NEW DELHI
DECEMBER 8 BY AIR INDIA 608, AT 1430, ETA DACCA 1705;
ETD DACCA DECEMBER 12 BA785 AT 1135 FOR LONDON.

4. FOR DACCA: (A) EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM IF
OBJECTION PERCEIVED TO VISIT BY HIGGINS AND MILLS.

(B) IF NO OBJECTION, PLEASE INFORM DR. K. AZIZ OF HIGGINS'
PLANS, AND ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HIGGINS.

5. FOR NEW DELHI: (A) WAYNE MILLS PLEASE NOTE HIGGINS
MERELY TRANSITTING NEW DELHI AND WILL POSTPONE OFFICIAL
CALLS UNTIL LATE JANUARY WHEN HE PLANS ANOTHER TRIP TO
INDIA. (B) SMI DESIRES MILLS ACCOMPANY HIGGINS DURING
DACCA VISIT AND THEN PROCEED TO CALCUTTA TO MEET WITH
MYNAK RIMPOCHE TULKU WHO EXPECTED ARRIVE CALCUTTA
DECEMBER 12 AT 0855 FROM BANGKOK AND PROBABLY REMAIN
THREE DAYS BEFORE RETURNING TO BHUTAN.

6. SMI AUTHORIZES EMBASSY NEW DELHI DISBURSE PER DIEM
HIGGINS FOR TWO DAYS FOR TOTAL 52 USDOLS EQUIVALENT AND
20 USDOLS EQUIVALENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES AND
INTERNAL TRAVEL. CHARGE APPROPRIATION 33X0102. END
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